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Sen. Petrowski/Rep. Spiros Road Safety Bill Signed into Law

Madison, WI...Today, Assembly Bill 475, authored by Senator Jerry Petrowski (*R-Marathon*) and Representative John Spiros (*R-Marshfield*) was signed into law. Assembly Bill 475 updates existing lighting requirements for slow-moving, animal-drawn vehicles in order to improve road safety for all drivers.

“The tragic story of a vehicle striking a buggy from behind has become far too familiar in our local papers,” said Senator Petrowski. “This bill is one action we can take to increase visibility of animal-drawn vehicles, and ultimately reduce the chance of another heartbreaking accident.”

Current law requires animal-drawn vehicles traveling on a highway to have one white light headlight and two red rear lights. This bill would bring further visibility to these slow-moving vehicles by requiring an additional rear flashing yellow or amber strobe light during hours of darkness and in inclement weather.

A yellow or amber strobe light is a commonly understood caution light already used on numerous slow-moving vehicles. By requiring these lights on the rear of animal-drawn vehicles, motorists will better recognize the indication to slow down and use caution on approach.

“After many months of deliberation and hard work, AB 475 was signed into law today. I am grateful to Governor Walker for signing this bill. This new law will reduce so many of the accidents on our rural and local roads, saving lives and reducing the number of crashes,” said Representative Spiros.

AB 475 was previously passed in the Assembly and Senate with bipartisan support.

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